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Liverpool lads. The Beatles landed in New York City and played "The Ed Sullivan Show" 50 years ago. **'Come Together.'** To celebrate the historic occasion, close to 50 bands will play Fab Four music as part of a three-day Beatles festival in the city, among other events. PAGE 02



'GET BACK'

The Beatles first came to the United States a half-century ago. Concerts, art shows and other festivities will take place this weekend to commemorate the arrival of the four mop-tops from England. / GETTY IMAGES



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Scott Stringer
Comptroller



The Beatles take a carriage ride in New York City. Events will take place to celebrate the anniversary of the group's first trip to the United States. / LEFT, BOTTOM RIGHT: GETTY IMAGES; TOP RIGHT: EMILY JOHNSON, METRO



Beatlemania struck NYC 50 years ago

'Love Me Do.' The Fab Four arrived at JFK and took America by storm when they played on Ed Sullivan a half-century ago.

On Feb. 9, 1964, nearly half the American population tuned into CBS and watched four young men with silly haircuts play a few songs.

One of those people was 4-year-old Charles Rosenay.

"My first memory ever is seeing the Beatles on Ed Sullivan," Rosenay said on Monday, just three days before he will oversee a series of concerts marking the 50th anniversary of that storied appearance.

Yes, it's been a half century since the Beatles made landfall in New York City, and Fab Four enthusiasts across the city are gearing up to mark the occasion in a fittingly musical fashion.

Rosenay, whose child-

Week in the life

A few nonmusical events are also on the docket this week, with a Beatles photo exhibition opening on Friday at the Morrison Hotel Gallery. The show — organized by Julian Lennon, the older son of John Lennon — features

never-before-seen photos of the band taken during their early years.

- A free traveling show hosted by the New York Public Library for the Performing Arts will also

swing through town, opening at Lincoln Center on Thursday. "Ladies and Gentlemen ... The Beatles!" features instruments, concert memorabilia, photographs and other Beatlemania artifacts.

Midtown mania

While all this is going on, more than 8,000 people are expected to descend on the Grand Hyatt hotel in Midtown on Friday to kick off "The Fest For Beatles Fans."

- It will feature three days of panel discussions, film screenings, jam sessions, Beatles look-alike contests and live music by legendary artists such as Scottish folk musician Donovan.

British invasion

"This is probably the biggest event ever in Beatles history, except for them actually arriving."

Charles Rosenay

hood fascination with the band led him to publish a fan magazine and organize Beatles tours to the U.K., is the executive producer for NYC Fab 50, a star-studded concert series spanning four venues in as many days.

The celebrations kick off on Thursday with the "Twist & Shout" benefit concert at the Apollo Theater — featuring Dionne

Warwick, and Mary Wilson of The Supremes — and continues through the weekend with a Friday show at the Hudson Theater, a Saturday show at the Town Hall in Times Square, and final show on Sunday at the Bitter End.

Bands from about 50 countries are in the lineup, including international tribute acts like Brazil's Clube Big Beatles and Norway's The Norwegian Beatles Band. Most tickets will run \$50 and proceeds will benefit the Food Bank for New York City.

"There's so much happening this weekend," said Stephen Thornton of ISL Public Relations, which is handling another event, The Fest For Beatles Fans, happening this weekend.

Bands by the numbers

50

There will be bands from about 50 different countries.

"Donovan will be giving a lecture on transcendental meditation and the influence it had on 'The Beatles' (aka The White Album), because he was with the group when they were studying with Maharishi in India."

As part of the convention, a bus trip to John F. Kennedy International Airport on Friday, Feb. 7, will mark 50 years since Paul, John, George and Ringo first landed in the United States, with Virgin Airlines unveiling a plaque at the

present-day Jet Blue Terminal 5.

If the events of this week demonstrate anything, it's that Beatlemania is far from dead.

"This is probably the biggest event ever in Beatles history, except for them actually arriving," Rosenay said. "It's pretty amazing to make it all — as the Beatles say — come together."

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Members of the Emerald Society, an organization of Irish-American police, march in the parade. / GETTY IMAGES

Mayor to boycott St. Pat's Parade for LGBT policy

Challenge. The St. Patrick's Day Parade faces pressure for not allowing LGBT groups to march.

Mayor Bill de Blasio said Tuesday he plans to skip the St. Patrick's Day Parade because he disagrees

with its organizers.

Though LGBT individuals are welcome to walk in the procession, they cannot identify themselves by sexual orientation.

De Blasio did not march in last year's parade either, but his absence this year marks a change from previous administrations. Former mayors Michael Bloom-

berg and Rudy Giuliani both marched.

Despite his own plans, de Blasio said uniformed city workers have a "right" to participate.

Parade organizers did not return requests for comment, but Bill Donohue, head of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, said the parade wasn't "anti-gay."

"The parade is not about homosexuals, or abortion, or anything other than honoring St. Patrick," he said.

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Stance

"I will be participating in a number of other events to honor the Irish heritage of this city, but I simply disagree with the organizers of that parade." Bill de Blasio

Investigation

Cops look into death of 2-year-old girl

A 2-year-old girl died on Monday after she was found unconscious at her Far Rockaway home, police said.

Cops responded to the call at 11:30 p.m. Paramedics transported Kevasia Edwards to Saint John's Hospital where she was pronounced dead.

The investigation is ongoing. **LAURA SHIN**

FBI. Dozens arrested in prostitution bust

Forty-five people were arrested and 16 juveniles rescued in a crackdown on prostitution in the New York-New Jersey area leading up to last Sunday's Super Bowl, Federal Bureau of Investigation officials said Tuesday.

The bureau said some of those arrested claimed they traveled to the site because of the football game. The minors rescued ranged in age from 13 to 17 and included



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Corked. New York warehousing booze bill faces opposition

A group is aiming to put a cork in legislation they said could increase booze prices in New York.

The proposed laws, intended to create jobs, would require alcohol to be kept in warehouses within New York for at least 24 hours before being sold in the state.

Many smaller wholesalers use warehouses in New Jersey, which typically have lower storage costs.

Business owners in the state launched a coalition against the bills Tuesday, calling on lawmakers to "Stop the Cork Tax."

Chris Missick, 33, of Villa Bellangelo in the Finger Lakes region, said the winery might not be able to access New York City if the legislation passes.

"It's going to make things more expensive for consumers and more difficult for business owners," Missick said.

Critics like Missick said

Legislation

The law would require alcohol to be kept in New York warehouses for a day before being sold.

- A spokesman for sponsor Sen. Jeff Klein said his priority is job creation.
- Critics say the law will hurt consumers and businesses.

the bill is designed to benefit big wholesalers who already have warehouses in New York.

But Eric Soufer, a spokesman for bill sponsor Bronx Sen. Jeff Klein, said the priority is job creation.

"Why should we protect shell companies in New Jersey but leave New York workers out in the cold?" Soufer asked.

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Baby marmoset twins debut at zoo

A set of adorable baby marmoset twins made their debut at Prospect Park Zoo on Tuesday. The twins, born in November, are the first set of Geoffroy's marmosets to be born at the Brooklyn zoo, according to the Wildlife Conservation Society. Their parents, 2-year-old father Gordon and 3-year-old mother Xing, arrived at the zoo last year. The family of four is on exhibit in the Animal in Our Lives building at the zoo. / JULIE LARSEN MAHER, WILDLIFE CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Traffic

Queens bus fatally strikes pedestrian

A pedestrian was fatally struck by an MTA bus in Queens on Monday evening, police said.

A Q35 bus hit Martha Tibillin-Guamug, 25, while making a right turn heading south on Broadway in Jackson Heights just before 6 p.m.

Tibillin-Guamug, who lived in the Bronx, was crossing Broadway near 74th Street when she was fatally struck by the bus. She was declared dead at the intersection.

The 39-year-old bus driver remained at the scene when officers arrived, police said.

An investigation into the case is being conducted by the NYPD's Collision Investigation Squad.

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Target card breach. Executive apologizes at US Senate hearing



On Dec. 15, Target confirmed that criminals had infiltrated its system through the use of malware. / GETTY IMAGES

A senior official at Target Corp. told U.S. lawmakers on Tuesday the retailer was "deeply sorry" for the massive data breach it suffered over the holiday shopping period, and said it was determined to win back customers' trust.

In prepared testimony for his appearance before a U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee hearing probing the data breaches, John Mulligan, Target chief financial officer and executive vice president, said the cyber attack "has only strengthened our resolve."

"We will learn from this incident and, as a result, we hope to make Target, and our industry, more secure for customers in the future," he said.

The committee hearing is one of a series of congressional panels this week in response to the Target breach and other incidents.

Target, the No. 3 U.S. retailer, disclosed on Dec. 19 that it was a victim of one of the biggest credit card breaches on record.

Customer info

70M

Some 40 million credit and debit card records were stolen from the retailer, along with 70 million other records with customer information such as addresses and telephone numbers.

Mulligan said it affected customers who shopped at the company's U.S. stores from Nov. 27 through Dec. 18.

"I want to say how deeply sorry we are for the impact this incident has had on our guests — your constituents," Mulligan told the committee in his prepared remarks. "We know this breach has shaken their confidence in Target, and we are determined to work very hard to earn it back."

Mulligan said the retailer started its investigation of the breach on Dec. 12 after being notified by the Justice Department of suspicious activity involving payment cards used at Target stores. **REUTERS**

Classrooms

Obama, tech companies to get more devices into US schools

President Barack Obama announced on Tuesday that private companies have agreed to give more than \$750 million in devices, software and wireless service to students, part of his pledge to help modernize classrooms.

Obama spoke about the effort at Buck Lodge Middle School in Adelphi, Md., where students use tablets for their lessons.

"What this really does is give us the potential to revolutionize how teaching and learning happen in the classroom," said Cecilia Munoz, director of the White House Domestic Policy Council, in a conference call with reporters. **REUTERS**

CBO estimate

Deficit to decline, then rise as labor market struggles

The Congressional Budget Office on Tuesday reduced its estimate of the U.S. budget deficit for the current fiscal year but said sluggish economic growth and stubbornly high unemployment will cause the improvement to be short-lived.

The deficit will decline to \$478 billion in fiscal 2015, but the gap for that year will be \$100 billion larger than estimated. **REUTERS**



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Microsoft names Nadella as next CEO

Microsoft Corp. named 22-year company veteran Satya Nadella as its next chief executive officer on Tuesday and said co-founder Bill Gates would step down as chairman and advise the new CEO on technology, marking an epochal change of control at Microsoft.

Nadella, a 46-year-old born in India who led the creation of Microsoft's Internet-based, or "cloud" computing services, is only Microsoft's third CEO in 39 years. **REUTERS**



SATYA NADELLA
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\$218M

Wall Street expects the company to announce \$218 million in revenue for the fourth quarter.



Twitter rides mobile wave in shifting landscape

Twitter Inc., whose stock has surged 150 percent since it went public in November, has a lot to live up to when it reports quarterly earnings for the first time today. A clutch of earnings from the giants of the Internet sector last week suggest the company's mobile advertising business model is rooted in solid—and fertile—ground. **REUTERS** /GETTY IMAGES

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Becoming a True Belieber again?

When I want to rid my body of toxins, I usually pay approximately a million dollars to give myself a citrus-scented enema with some fancy schman-cy juice cleanse. (Nah, just kidding, I haven't drank much of anything other than coffee and alcohol in the past 10 years. Juice cleanses are a total thing that people do, though.)

Justin Bieber, however, who is in the process of falling from pop stardom grace in the most banal of descents — booze, graffiti and strippers, oh my! — is taking his own cleansing a bit further. Bieber's been a bad little munchkin. So he's taking steps toward purifying his VERY SOUL.

According to Page 6, Bieber and his cohorts went shopping for a Manhattan property with a pool over the weekend. It's a pool from which the Biebs hopes to emerge, pure of soul and dripping



Justin Bieber may be feeling ashamed of his behavior these past few months.
ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

glistening God droplets from his scrawny body. He wants to get baptized in an Olympic-sized swimming pool, is the gist of it.

Whether this is some big, dumb publicity stunt to get Bieber back on the morality track or an actual thing he thinks will fix what ails his career/persona is yet to be seen.

We just hope they procure the kid a good pair of water wings. Safety first!

Ke\$ha producer under Twitter siege

In more Misguided People Using the Internet Inappropriately news (also see: everyone, all the time, ever), there are apparently some people sending death threats to Ke\$ha's producer on Twitter.

(Side note: There should be some kind of 140-character agreement we all have to sign before joining the Internet community, pledging to "First, do no harm" a la the Hippocratic Oath and "Second, do not be a complete asshole" a la My Personal Oath. But then, I guess, BuzzFeed wouldn't have material for all those roundups of colorful commentary from people who don't understand the difference between "you're" and "your.")

Ke\$ha's producer, Dr. Luke, has been on the receiving end of some pretty scary Twitter threats — and no, not because he's responsible for unleashing Ke\$ha's music upon the world like Pandora opening some kind of glitter, booze and sweat-filled

Ke\$ha's Box.

No, Ke\$ha fans are calling for Dr. Luke's head on a Twitter stake for causing the pop star's eating disorder, for which she recently checked into rehab.

And, while reports that he taunted Ke\$ha about her weight with digs like "she looks like a f—ing refrigerator" are gross and reprehensible, telling a stranger that you're "gonna slit your f—in throat open then gouge your eyeballs out" and "I know where you live & I will MURDER u" [sic] because this stranger may or may not have made fun of your fave singer for being less than svelte (for the record, Ke\$ha is in no way overweight) is even more gross and reprehensible.



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ELIZABETH BANKS

"The Lego Movie" co-star talks about voicing a sexy toy — while in Legoland.

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Elizabeth Banks has been seduced by Steve Carell ("The 40-Year-Old Virgin"), played Laura Bush ("W.") and had sex with Seth Rogen ("Zack and Miri Make a Porno"). But none of this, surely, is as surreal as doing press for "The Lego Movie." To promote her vocal role as hero Wyldstyle, she winds up installed in the Legoland amusement park.

Is this the weirdest junket experience you've ever had?

I'll tell you, this is the most exciting junket I've ever been on because Morgan Freeman's here.

He's a genius. Everything he says is gold. I mean, I edit [myself] because I still want to get jobs. [Laughs] Whereas Morgan Freeman's like, "F— it. I'm on the other side. They're going to hire me no matter what." And he's right. They should, because he's a genius.

The running joke about your character's name is everyone assumes she's a DJ or something. So if you were actually a DJ, what would your DJ name be?

Um, I'm definitely not a DJ. I'm actually terrible with all that stuff. But my DJ name would be... like, Solo

Quoted

"It was a lot of wasted time making each other laugh with jokes that are completely inappropriate for a children's movie."

Banks, on working with Chris Pratt and Will Arnett

Claudia Goldenschwartz. "Solo" because I'm a solo DJ, I do it on my own.

Your character, while being a Lego figurine, actually has curves.

Well, they're kind of drawn-on curves. Wonder Woman does, too. She's got, like, a sweetheart neckline too.

Did that seem odd?

I didn't notice, actually. But it wouldn't bother me. I'm OK with it. I mean, if someone's like, "She's a really sexy Lego, is that weird?" That's on you, man. Who knows, you might be a boob man. Look, I'm here to blaze a trail, and if that's how I do it, so be it.

Since this is an animated movie, did you get to work much with your co-stars?

I was really lucky on this. I recorded probably four sessions with Chris Pratt, and then two sessions with Chris and me and Will Arnett. The three of us together, that was a very fun time. It was a lot of wasted time making each other laugh with jokes that are completely inappropriate for a children's movie.

What sorts of jokes?

Well, Batman has a real kinky side to him, let's just say that. Look at him. He's basically in an S&M outfit.

Q&A

On the horizon

What's next for you?
My life right now is all about "Pitch Perfect 2." I produced the first movie; I'm producing [and directing] the second movie. It's all about getting that script ready to go into production, bringing the cast back together and getting it ready for a release in 2015.

Were there many obstacles in getting the sequel set up?

[The studio] wants to make it, we just want to make the best version that we can. There's a little pressure. They want to release it and they're picking a date for it, so the pressure is, as always, we want to tell a really fun, funny, inspiring story, and we're just homing in on that.



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Another dimension

Sky-high. The directors of "Charlie Victor Romeo" talk about taking their play to the big screen — in 3-D.



Nora Woolley, Irving Gregory, Sam Zuckerman and Patrick Daniels star in "Charlie Victor Romeo." / COLLECTIVE-UNCONSCIOUS

"I love flying," says Robert Berger. You might not guess that, considering he's one of three creators of "Charlie Victor Romeo," a play that, since its 1999 birth, restages — as dryly and as accurately as possible — six notable plane crashes from the 1980s and '90s, each set in the cockpit in the final moments.

Now it's a very unlikely movie, co-directed by Berger, and one that doesn't alter it much: It still takes place on a deliberately artificial stage, and was shot during live performances.

The stage setting isn't the film's most noticeable visual aspect. That would be the use of stereoscopes.

"The only thing that's missing from the theater experience is we're not in the same room together," Berger points out, then

View from above

Knowledge is power

"Charlie Victor Romeo" isn't meant to be a mere "therapy piece for people who are afraid of flying," says Daniels. But it still soothes. "I've always enjoyed flying, but I'm more comfortable ... knowing more about what's going on."

notes that 3-D makes it more intimate (or faux-intimate). "This 3-D technology actually brings you in some ways closer to the action than if you were in a live theater experience."

"With a film, we get to make sure that every moment we want the audience to see gets seen," says co-creator, co-director and co-star Patrick Daniels. "As theater, there's a lot of small things that are going on that, if you're sitting in the back row of an 800-seat theater, you're not going to notice."



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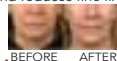
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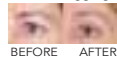
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"Schauspieler" ("Actors") is just a small slice of "Isa Genzken: Retrospective." / PROVIDED



'Isa Genzken: Retrospective' now at MoMA

Museum. Genzken's lifelong body of work is finally getting its U.S. debut.

MoMA's "Isa Genzken: Retrospective" marks the American premiere of this German-born artist's 40-year career. With more than 150 works, the show features painting, photography, drawing, film, assemblage and large-scale installations.

The main theme of her artwork is architecture and how urbanized spaces remap our environment. Multimedia works fuse highbrow art and pop culture, creating installations from the underbelly of urban consumerism.

Genzken's art is refreshingly playful, thanks to her handmade work and DIY "junk" aesthetic. She revives objects either found on the street or bought from hobby stores, creating uncanny worlds.

The show is designed chronologically. Genzken began working in the 1970s during the heyday of minimalism, and her large-scale wooden floor

Don't miss

Here's what to see at "Isa Genzken: Retrospective."

- Acting as gatekeepers to Genzken's DIY world, "Schauspieler" ("Actors") (2013) resembles a sideshow jamboree of affected hipsters. Premiering at MoMA, this carnivalesque installation (pictured above) features mannequins dressed in an assortment of clothes alongside collage and repurposed sculptures.
- "Red-Yellow-Black Double Ellipsoid Twin" (1982) exemplifies Genzken's early minimalism-inspired career. The two lacquered wood sculptures negate the efficiency of modern engineering by traversing space horizontally rather than vertically.

sculptures aim to question individuals' experiences of modern environments.

Her 1980s work contrasts handmade items with modern engineering. Textured plaster, concrete and steel sculptures conflict with the sleek precision of city skyscrapers.

The new millennium introduced complex installations inspired by consumerism. Genzken's assemblage sculptures repurpose everyday forms into unexpected placements that are both theatrical and humorous.

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New Schools Chancellor Carmen Fariña Seeks to Get Families Involved

Carmen Fariña has wasted no time steering the school system onto a new track.

The first stop: Parent involvement.

“Things need to happen *with* people, not *to* them,” the new Schools Chancellor declared at Brooklyn’s M.S. 51, where Mayor Bill de Blasio announced her appointment in late December.

In her forty years working at every level of the City’s public school system—as a teacher, principal, superintendent, and deputy chancellor—Chancellor Fariña has waged a virtual crusade to increase parents’ say over their children’s education.

Being heard has been a hot button topic for parents of public school students since the old Board of Education was restructured in 2002. As the new Department of Education developed, many parents voiced feeling shut out of the decisions being made about their kids’ education. Fariña says she’s determined to change that.

In her first week on the job, she placed the Department of Education’s Division of Family and Community Engagement directly under her supervision. She also



New policies look to bolster families’ voices in education policy.

plans to increase training for parent coordinators and enhance their role, and a full-day parent conference workshop is in the works.

She recently kicked off a ‘listening tour,’ visiting parent council meetings to distribute green index cards for parents to write down questions and concerns about the school system. She repeated this practice with the Community Education Council presidents as well, handing out color-coded cards at forums to identify critical issues to parents.

“My promise is when I come to speak to

you in June, you will say we’ve made a difference,” she said at her first parents’ meeting.

Mayor de Blasio raised the issue as one of his education priorities at a recent school visit with the Chancellor.

“Parents were held at arm’s length,” he said of the old system. “It’s time to treat all members of the educational community like they matter again—and we need a leader who understands that.” Chancellor Fariña said she intends to be that leader. “I hope you hold me accountable,” she told parents.

A Conversation with Carmen

*New York City Schools Chancellor
Carmen Fariña responds to
parents' questions*



How would you describe your strategy as Chancellor?

I firmly believe in a bottom-up approach: showcase excellence in our classrooms and use the best examples of great teaching, instruction, and learning to model for others. Educators at every level need to feel the excitement in the air and have a real sense of joy in what they're doing. Our teachers and principals are the most important piece of this puzzle, and we need to celebrate and appreciate everything they do.

After four decades in education, how will your experience influence your new role as Chancellor?

Colleagues at every level have taught me more than I could have ever learned on my own. I've learned that sharing stories, practices, strategies—experiences that work—foster a better, more inclusive education community. Everyone can learn from someone else, and together we can accomplish great things.

What changes do you hope to enact in NYC public schools?

There are great things going on in our schools, and I want to showcase them. But there is no doubt we have work ahead of us to improve elements of

this system that have remained in the shadows for too long.

My first focus will be middle schools, a critical transition in students' lives, emotionally and academically. I plan to visit two middle schools every week and speak with principals and teachers one on one. Once I've gathered the information I need, I can put into place initiatives, communication, and resources so that students, teachers, and principals have the support they need.

"My personal mission is to make this an administration that will listen—and respond—to parents."

Many public school parents have felt frustrated in the past. How can they get more involved in decisions affecting their child?

My personal mission is to make this an administration that will listen—and respond—to parents.

I plan to enhance the Department of Education's Division of Family and

Carmen Fariña

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The Color of Water

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Community Engagement because the relationships we foster in education are crucial. There must be a clear and streamlined method for parents to reach out and speak to the right people for their concerns.

What is most important to you as Chancellor?

It is time for a renewed focus on instruction. Rote memorization and recitation of facts don't make an excellent student—our young learners need to question, critique, and think independently. I want to bring our schools back to basics, to the fundamentals of what great teaching, and great learning, look like.

The kids of New York City are counting on all of us.



January's Book of the Month

With a renewed emphasis on the quality of instruction, Chancellor Carmen Fariña is highlighting one recommended book each month.

On her first day at work this month, Chancellor Fariña presented the book *I Will Make Miracles* by Susie Morganstern. She altered her cover

of the book to read **We Will Make Miracles**.

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A Joyful Noise

Spotlight on Exceptional Educators

Melissa Salguero has given the students of P.S. 48 in the Bronx the gift of music. Having built the music program from the ground up, she continuously seeks new and innovative ways to keep the program on a crescendo.

What seems to make students excited?

If teachers are clued into what excites kids in their own world, it gives us the chance to use that and make the arts—and learning—relevant to them. Students are moved by music and I make use of all kinds in my concert programs, giving kids a chance to connect with the styles they love.

What do you consider your role as a teacher?

It is my job to make my classroom a fun and exciting place where students are excited and engaged. Through music, kids can learn all sorts of other things: music teaches life skills such as teamwork, humility, leadership and respect.

What are some of the challenges you have faced?

The biggest obstacle is changing the perception that arts classes exist on the margins of a general curriculum. We need to re-establish the value of the arts; they help children learn to say what cannot be said.

“It is my job to make my classroom a fun and exciting place where students are excited and engaged”

How do you find solutions?

I like to find ways to create events that bring the music program center stage. In 2012, I saw a commercial for the “Glee Give a Note” contest, just two weeks before the deadline. I joined forces with my colleague and the school’s talented students, and videotaped a rap song that the students wrote. We were overjoyed to win, and we used the money toward music equipment—most importantly, choral risers, so you can see every student’s face.

What is your favorite part of the job?

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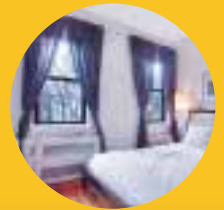


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Feng shui for

Living. Turn your home into a sanctuary with these expert tips.

After spending all day in the chaos of the city, coming home and feeling at peace is important for your well-being. Your home should be your sanctuary, a place to refuel and relax. There's a way to balance the energy in your home so you're the happiest you can be, and that way is feng shui. And it isn't as new age-y as you may think. "Feng shui is about loving your home and having a supportive environment," says Tisha Morris, author of "Mind, Body, Home." Here, she shares her tips.

your apartment is messy. "A lot of people want to add more to their home, but the first step is to remove what's no longer working," Morris says. "This could be piles of paper on the kitchen table or furniture items that aren't functional or taking up too much space."

Choose functional furniture

Especially in a small apartment, you have to be choosy with your furniture. "Everything has to be something you use or love, preferably both," Morris says. "If a side table is just sitting there because someone gave it to you and you think you should have it, you should really think twice about it." When it

comes to furniture placement, Morris says it's important to leave space for energy to flow through, like a river. If you keep bumping into something, that's a tell-tale sign it's out of flow and you either need to move it or get rid of it.

Use colors and wall art to create a vibe

Most people know wall color has a strong effect on a room. When it comes to choosing paint colors, Morris says the most important thing is to pick colors you love. "Color association trumps color theory," she says. But for some general guidelines: blues and browns are known to be relaxing, making them great choices for the bedroom.



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small living spaces



Declutter by utilizing shelves and tucking TV remotes into drawers.
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For the living room, choose a color that's a reflection of your personality. "Some of us are more neutral and some of us are louder and like bright colors," Morris says.

What you put on the walls is important, too. "Artwork is something you need to be really conscious of because art

sends subliminal messages," Morris says. When choosing art, consider the mood you want the room to set. "You wouldn't want a picture of a busy New York street in your bedroom; you want more of a tranquil ocean scene. The living room is a great place for a city photo, though."

Scent matters, too

Add flowers and candles

When it comes to greenery, plants and flowers are always a good addition — as long as they're living. Morris says they absorb negative energy and add a rejuvenating scent to the air. Lighting candles or using diffusers also can change the mood of the room. Morris says to use scents that are most comforting to you, though in general lavender and rose

are relaxing, making them perfect for the bedroom.



Flowers zap negative energy.
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Keep your doorways clear

According to Morris, piling your shoes and winter gear near the door prohibits its energy from flowing through. "Doors in general represent opportunity and the front door represents major opportunities, she says. "The door is like a

breath. If it's clogged up, then the incoming breath into the space is going to get clogged up. Try to keep only the essentials by the door and store your winter items when it's spring and summer."



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A handshake is not what it used to mean in this market. / STOCKBYTE

Sellers backtrack on 'best and final' offers

Real Estate. Buyers get 'gazumped' as sellers ditch agreements at 11th hour.

New York City is considered the big leagues of real estate, where buyers (and their brokers) need sharp elbows to secure a deal. Now the city is becoming even more cutthroat.

In this low-inventory environment, sellers are receiving last-minute offers, causing them to back-track on prior agreements, sources said. In bidding wars, which have become common, the concept of "best and final," in which buyers submit their highest offers, is no longer an effective tool to get a deal completed, because sellers are frequently ditching those deals last moment.

"[Best and final] doesn't work anymore because someone gets 'gazumped,'" said Steven James, president of Douglas Elliman's Manhattan brokerage. "[A better offer] could come from someone who didn't even put in a best and final offer."

For buyers, the shifting landscape is causing frustration. "I came into the industry in the days when a handshake was a handshake, and if you said, 'yes,' you meant, 'yes,'" said Michele Kleier, head of boutique residential brokerage Kleier Residential. "Now there are people who, for an extra \$10,000, will pull out of a deal. Sometimes the first person gets so irritated, they don't want to match it. They just walk away."

In 2013, sales activity surged by 21.2 percent year-over-year to 12,735 apartment sales, while listing inventory fell 12.3 percent, to 4,164 units. The absorption rate — the number of months it would take to sell all existing inventory at the current pace of sales — dropped to just 3.9 months from 5.4 months in 2012, according to Elliman's data.

The low inventory accounts for why

sellers are entertaining last-minute offers. "There's one apartment per 10 buyers as opposed to one apartment per three buyers," said Jason Haber, CEO of Rubicon Property. Years ago, "best and final" offers were far more formal, Kleier said. Buyers and their brokers would present their offers simultaneously at the listing manager's office at a set time. The offer letters were opened and considered with the buyers present. Now they are delivered over email and the purpose is not often to secure a final deal. Nick Jabbour of Nest Seekers International said the process is more an informational tool for the seller rather than a service to the buyer. "To me, the purpose of best and final is not to have a firm commitment in place," he said. "It's a way [for the seller] to get all the information you need from all parties who are planning to throw their hats into the ring to avoid things trickling in later."

It's important to make it clear that a deal is not a deal until the ink is on the contract, Haber said. "We're very careful with the term 'best and final' because you get a 'best and final' in, and then someone blows that offer out of the planet, and what are you supposed to do?" he said. "You can't have your client not take the better offer."

KATHERINE CLARKE

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THE REAL DEAL

The current market

Why the shady practices

Low inventory and heavy sales volume appear to be driving competition between buyers. Buoyed by those two factors, Manhattan condo and co-op prices remained consistently high in 2013, according to a Douglas Elliman market report

released last month.

The average sales price for a Manhattan home inched up by 1.9 percent, to \$1.44 million last year, a modest year-over-year gain, but an increase which brings the average price close to 2007 record levels. Meanwhile, inventory fell to a 14-year low, and sales volume hit its second-highest level in 25 years.

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Contrary to popular belief on the Internet, Nintendo released a brand new home console last year called the Wii U. It's not an add-on for the Wii. It's not a Nintendo-based pun suggesting that something smells really bad. Well, OK, it is that, but it's also a game system that plays new and exclusive video games. You know what? It's pretty darned fun and, just like its similarly named cousin, perfect for drunken revelry. Here are some new games for it.

'Dr. Luigi'

System: Nintendo Wii U
Cost: \$15

Alongside "Tetris," "Dr. Mario" is generally considered to be one of the best puzzle games from "the old days." The sequel has finally arrived and it looks like Luigi finally finished his residency and is ready to start dispensing the Adderall. Wait, what?

For newbie pill pop-



Mario's bud gets his own match-three puzzler with "Dr. Luigi." / NINTENDO

pers, Dr. Mario wrote the blueprint for the still massively successful match-three genre of puzzlers. ("Candy Crush Saga" is one, for instance.) "Dr. Luigi" throws a wrench into the mix by adding new shapes and speed levels, making the game more difficult and frenetic.

'NES Remix'

System: Nintendo Wii U

Cost: \$15

If there's one thing Nintendo can always trade on, it's nostalgia. Enter "NES Remix," a new downloadable title that milks that nostalgia. How much is nostalgia worth these days? Turns out, a good amount.

"NES Remix" is essentially a couple hundred old school NES-based mini-games that will push

your latent childhood talent to its very limit. Think you can conquer a level of "Donkey Kong" as "Zelda"'s intrepid hero Link? By all means, try. The pace is fast and loose and the games get sillier as you progress. In other words, it's awesome.



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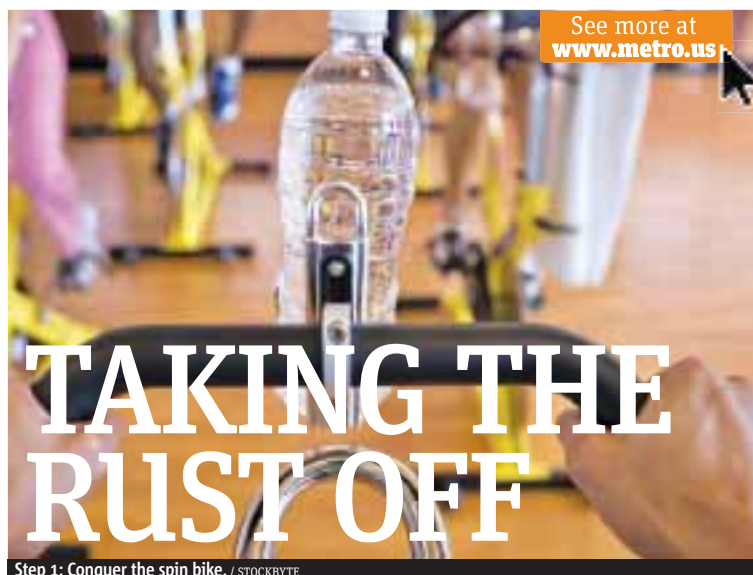
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Smart choices

Next up

A detailed food plan from my nutritionist, Alanna Cabrero, including what to drink instead of my morning Coke Zero and ways to tame my sweet tooth.

clumsiest woman in America?

I pulled myself onto an exercise bike and had my first meeting with personal trainer Matt Sauerhoff. He has a sign in his office that says, "My future depends on me," a mantra worth adopting as I start this effort to get healthy. No more excuses.

After taking my measurements (see sidebar), he guided me through some deep stretches that targeted my hip flexors. Since I sit all day at work, the muscles in my hips are constantly compressed — which can lead to pain and stiffness. The solution is to essentially do the opposite and stretch the muscles the opposite way. I definitely felt the burn, but surprisingly wasn't sore the next morning.

Not that I had a lot of time to enjoy that not-sore feeling. I was on my way back to the gym the next morning, thinking, "What have I gotten myself into?" With my bicycle-riding fiancé by my side, I climbed aboard the bike for 45 minutes of non-stop intensity.

Amazingly, I survived. I'm not going to lie: It was hard. The instructor, Leo, pushed us and pushed us again. There were things I couldn't do (like riding while standing

up), but I stayed on the bike and kept pedaling. Afterward, I was exhausted, but really proud of myself and excited to keep going.

That night, I got food poisoning. But I'm heading back to the gym, with the goal of going at least three times a week — mixing things up between classes and solo workouts. Already, the fact that I've been there and can prove to myself that I can do this is motivating.

And I'm already seeing results! As scary as it is for me to share them, at least the numbers are moving in the right direction!

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(as of Feb. 3)
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Chest: 46 inches
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Almost all of that progress — 8.5 pounds! — is from eating better, since I started working out just this week. I know you tend to lose a lot at first and that muscle weighs more than fat, but it feels like I'm building momentum.



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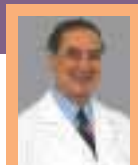
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1 Eat strategically. "I try to lower my carb intake as the day goes on to help stay lean and build muscle tone with protein."

2 Get the same workout in new ways. "A lot of what I do as an alpine skier crosses over to training for basketball — especially things like core and upper-body strength."

Sled hockey

Rico Roman

Follow through. "Stop making excuses. If I'm missing a leg and I'm not making excuses, no one should."



Women's ice hockey



Julie Chu

1 Befriend a Crock-Pot. "There is a tendency in cold weather to want to eat a lot of comfort food, but unfortunately most comfort food is unhealthy and the quantities are out of whack. I've found that using a slow cooker in the winter helps me easily prepare meals, portion out and have great food ready for when I return home from a long day."

2 Convert your living room. "It can be difficult to go out into the cold and head to the gym. Instead, turn your living room into your own private workout space to help keep your fitness goals during the winter. It's an easy way to strengthen muscles, get some conditioning and stay warm. Just be sure to set goals."

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and help you stay alert for tasks ahead."

1 Pack food. "Always have a healthy snack with you — something that has a combination of carbs, protein and electrolytes. Snacks help you revamp post-training"



2 Dress for success. "Layer! It is better to have more layers than less. Warming up in cold weather is safer for injury prevention."

Speed skating

Katherine Reutter

1 Pump your commute. "Don't decide to go home, eat and then go to the gym. Have a workout planned on the way home from work, and then take the stairs up to your apartment."



Alpine skiing



Julia Mancuso

1 Manage indulgences. "Keep eating all the healthy stuff. I only allow myself one cheat day to eat treats."

2 Avoid dryness. "I like to put rose hip oil on my skin in the morning and at night to keep my skin hydrated in the cold."

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Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20.
Improve your surroundings. Invest in items that will add to your comfort. Use your skills to gain respect and recognition.

Aries | March 21-April 20.
You can outtalk and outsmart anyone who challenges you. Present your ideas and concerns before you agree to take on a job or responsibility.

Taurus | April 21-May 21.
Your best efforts will be appreciated and lead to greater opportunity. Follow the direction that is best suited to your talents.

Gemini | May 22-June 20.
Put your energy to good use. Take the extra step if it will help you finish what you start. Your versatility will attract an interesting someone.

Cancer | June 21-July 22.
Confusion or uncertainty must not be what stands between you and a decision that can alter your future. Evaluate your position.

Leo | July 23-Aug. 22.
Get ready for action and take on responsibility. Your leadership ability may be challenged, but in the end you will come out on top.

Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22.
Deal with personal business that has the potential to influence your financial future. An older friend is likely to challenge you.

Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22.
Travel for business or pleasure will lead to information and the ability to make a good decision. Don't share the information that you discover.

Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21.
Do whatever it takes to secure money matters and pending legal affairs. Lending or borrowing will lead to trust issues.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21.
Mix business with pleasure, network, share ideas and build good relationships. An adventure will grab your attention.

Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20.
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Letters

Time to change battle tactics

With the death of Philip Seymour Hoffman and the increasing devastation of a deadly heroin epidemic, it's time to grasp the reality that America will never solve its drug problem by going after supply and must switch focus and pursue demand. The "War on Drugs" and the prison industrial complex must give way to decriminalization, harm reduction and a medical approach.

Mr. Hoffman might well be alive today if he had received his heroin not from a drug dealer but from a clinic, where he would have gotten a known quantity of a pure substance in a

clean needle at a safe space. A clinic policy changes the drug demand profile. Drug dealers can't stay in business when the addicts — the major consumers — are getting their drugs from a legal source. The result is less crime, less violence, less corruption and less incarceration.

All the science supports harm reduction. It's time for us to dismantle an unscientific orthodoxy and grapple with the situation as it really is. It's time for America to embrace a medically sound, scientific policy and end the War on Drugs.

KEITH GREIFF, VIA EMAIL

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Keep them as brief as possible, preferably under 100 words. Metro reserves the right to edit all letters. Please include your name and contact info.

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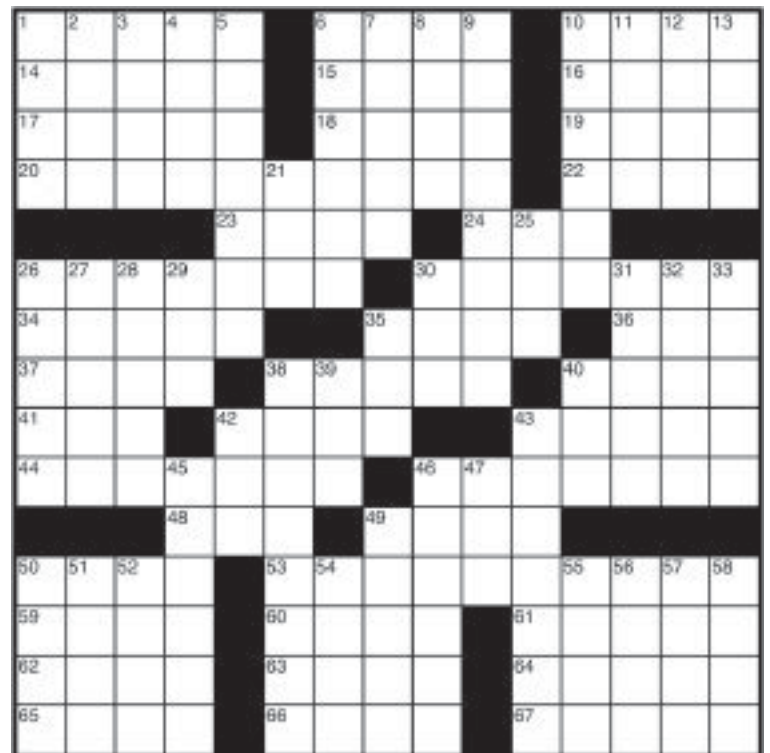
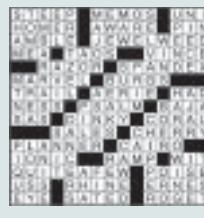
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Yesterday's answer



Back in the groove



CARCILLO SCORED THE GAME-WINNER IN THE SECOND STADIUM GAME.

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Rangers settle into routine with Stadium Series finished

The Stadium Series games at Yankee Stadium were an unforgettable experience for the Rangers, and a departure from the grind of an 82-game regular season.

But there is comfort in the routine the Rangers got back to Tuesday.

"It was a nice break from the monotony of the last two weeks [prior to last week's Stadium Series games] where it was [games] every other day," Dan Carcillo said after the morning skate prior to Tuesday night's game against Colorado.

The Avs game was the first of three before the Olympic break.

"We have a couple good tests here in the next three games," Carcillo said. "We want to finish on a high note and keep this good thing going that we have from the last couple weeks."

DENIS GORMAN

Stoudemire appears frustrated with time

NBA. The Knicks forward would only respond "coach's decision" when asked about recent limited game action.

The Knicks have lost two straight and four of their last 10 following a four-game winning streak some on the team thought could be the turning point in their up-and-down season.

But after two demoralizing defeats — a 15-point loss to the Heat at home on Saturday and Monday's last-second loss to the Bucks — head coach Mike Woodson is again looking for answers.

One answer could be Amar'e Stoudemire, though he and his coach seemed to be on different pages Tuesday.

"Amar'e [Stoudemire] is going to get back to getting his minutes because he was playing well for us

By the numbers

18.9

Amar'e Stoudemire is averaging a career-low 18.9 minutes per game this season. He played 23.5 minutes per game last year.



Stoudemire has played more than 30 minutes just once this season, a Dec. 13 loss at Boston. / GETTY IMAGES

[before his ankle injury]," said Woodson.

Stoudemire played only five minutes against Miami and 17 minutes against the Bucks, but with a rest and recovery day on Tuesday, Woodson thinks his power forward will be ready to handle more minutes.

Stoudemire sounded frustrated during his media time following Tuesday's practice, repeatedly saying "coach's decision" when asked about his sparse action the last two games. The power forward scored seven points in his 16:31 minutes of work against the Bucks, but hopes Woodson will give him more minutes on Wednesday, adding he

feels up to the task.

"I feel great. I am ready to play more. From a doctor's standpoint, there haven't been limitations of any kind since the first week of the season," Stoudemire said. "We can't keep saying [there are

minutes] limitations. ... That's a coach's decision at the end of the day. It's up to him if he wants to play me or not."

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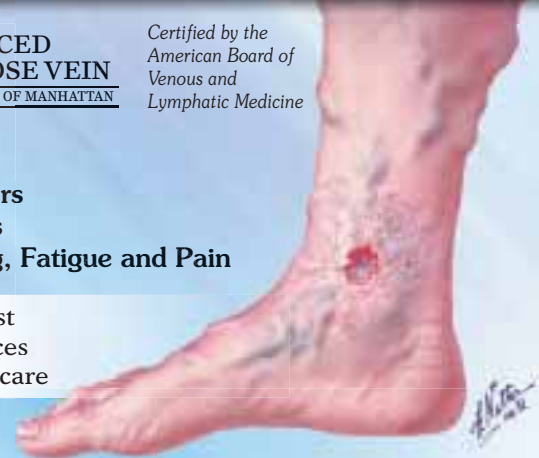
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NBA power rankings | by James Toscano

No. 1

Thunder
(39-11)

It doesn't matter what you call him: Durantula, The Slim Reaper, KD. The next name he goes by will be pretty simple: MVP. You just can't ignore what Kevin Durant has done in the absence of Russell Westbrook (35 points, 7.1 rebounds, 6.0 assists per game). A Thunder storm is coming.

No. 2

Pacers
(37-10)

The Pacers automatically move down a slot due to their signing of Andrew Bynum. Just kidding. The signing makes sense.

No. 3

Clippers
(34-17)

Tough way to lose at the buzzer in Denver Monday. The Clips have four straight home games heading into the All-Star break.

No. 4

Rockets
(32-17)

Two of the NBA's hottest NBA teams will face off on Wednesday — the Rockets and the Suns. There is a space joke in there somewhere.

No. 5

Blazers
(34-14)

The Blazers have lost five of their last eight games. And they were uncharacteristically sloppy in their loss to the Wizards.

No. 6

Heat
(34-13)

Dwyane Wade had his second 30-point game of the season in Monday's win over the Pistons. But the Heat just don't seem like a sure thing.

No. 7

Spurs
(35-13)

Two wins over the Kings and Pelicans don't do much in our book. But Danny Green is back, who missed 10 games with a finger injury.

No. 8

Warriors
(29-19)

They went 2-3 on their five-game homestand, but wins over the Clippers and Jazz should give them some momentum.

No. 9

Grizzlies
(26-21)

The Griz are 11-2 in their last 13 games and sit in ninth place in the West. They play the currently eighth-seeded Mavs on Wednesday.

No. 10

Suns
(29-18)

The Suns swept the season series with the Pacers in convincing fashion. Eric Bledsoe is still out, but there's hope he returns after the All-Star break.

No. 11

Hawks
(25-21)

Quick update for those in Atlanta still stuck in traffic: The Hawks are currently third in the Eastern Conference.

No. 12

Mavericks
(28-21)

You know when you're driving and somebody in a nice car flies up behind you and starts tailgating? The Suns are that tailgating car for Dallas.

No. 13

Raptors
(26-22)

The Raptors have 14 road wins this season after just 13 all of last season. But Kyle Lowry left Monday's win over the Jazz with knee pain.

No. 14

Wizards
(24-23)

That record is not a misprint. The Wizards have finally gone above .500 for the first time since the 2009 season!

No. 15

Nuggets
(23-23)

More tough news in Denver as Nate Robinson will miss the rest of the season with a torn ACL. It just doesn't look like it's Denver's year.

No. 16

Nets
(21-25)

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